



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) is a group of genetic disorders characterized by fragile bones, also known as "brittle bone disease"; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals born with OI are affected throughout their lives. There are different types of OI, which range from mild to life-threatening, distinguished by signs, symptoms, and genetic factors; and
- WHEREAS: OI may cause a number of symptoms including weak muscles, brittle teeth, spinal curvature, and hearing loss. Those affected by more severe types of OI may experience frequent bone fractures, as well as blue sclerae, short stature, and respiratory problems; and
- WHEREAS: There is currently no cure for OI, and treatment therefore primarily focuses on minimizing fractures, surgical correction of deformity, reducing bone fragility, and maximizing mobility and independent function; and
- WHEREAS: Increased education and research are necessary to develop more effective treatments that will provide a better quality of life for those with OI; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 6-13, 2017, as OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley
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